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BATMAN FAMILY GOES DOLLAR-SIZED!

DC's Dollar Comics line expands this month, picking up its fifth regular title. January 19th will see the release of the first eighty-page issue of BATMAN FAMILY, number 17.

Celebrating the event, BATMAN FAMILY gets two new features and a new editor. Allen Milgrom informs Coming Attractions the regular line-up for this title will include Batman, Robin, Batgirl, Man-Bat and The Huntress. Whereas each of these characters usually will be featured in their own solo-stories (Robin and Batgirl will continue to team up periodically; Denny O'Neil and Jim Aparo will be handling the Batman lead, Paul Levitz and Joe Staton The Huntress series), any two or more could be teamed up at any time. For example...

In the first issue, three separate stories combine to form one 64 page thriller, with the breakdown as follows: Chapter One, featuring Batman and Robin by Gerry Conway and Jim Aparo, Chapter Two, featuring Batgirl and Batwoman by Bob Rozakis and Don Heck, and Chapter Three, featuring Man-Bat and The Demon by Bob Rozakis and Mike Golden. The Huntress ties all three chapters together; she is also featured in Chapter Two.

The first BATMAN FAMILY Dollar Comic is also unique as it features a cover by Mike Kaluta.

SPECIAL 250th ANNIVERSARY TEAM-UP IN WORLD'S FINEST COMICS!

It began as NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR COMICS, but the actual numbering didn't start until the regular series was established. The Fair being over, the name was changed to WORLD'S BEST COMICS, a ninety-six page quarterly. Its last metamorphosis occurred with issue number two; the name was changed to WORLD'S FINEST COMICS.

This month, WORLD'S FINEST COMICS celebrates its 250th anniversary (issues, not years) and it does so in a unique manner. All of the present occupants -- with one exception -- star together in a massive 56 page story written by Gerry Conway and drawn by George Tuska.

Basically, the plot starts out with Green Arrow and Black Canary using the Justice League transporter to travel to Earth-2. The machine malfunctions and, whereas the two do wind up in the dimension of their choice, they find themselves in the midst of World War II! There, they inadvertently change time, encountering the original Wonder Woman along the way. In pursuit of their enemy, the three go to wartime Earth-1.

Back (or forward, actually) in present-day Earth-1, Superman and Batman try to stave off a global attack from the Axis powers. Attempting to enlist the aid of the Justice League, the pair discover the various super-heroes have no recollection of their super-powers or of their costumed identities! Discovering Green Arrow and Black Canary to be at the root of the problem, Superman and Batman go back in time to link up with the other heroes.

We mentioned the fact that one present occupant of WORLD'S FINEST is not in the 56-pager. That's because The Creeper (who just moved in to the title) is still holding down his eight-page story, faithfully executed by Steve Ditko. In "Return of the Past," The Creeper's origin is recapped as some critical issues from that initial outing are finally exposed.

Jack C. Harris edited this special issue, which goes on sale January 26th.

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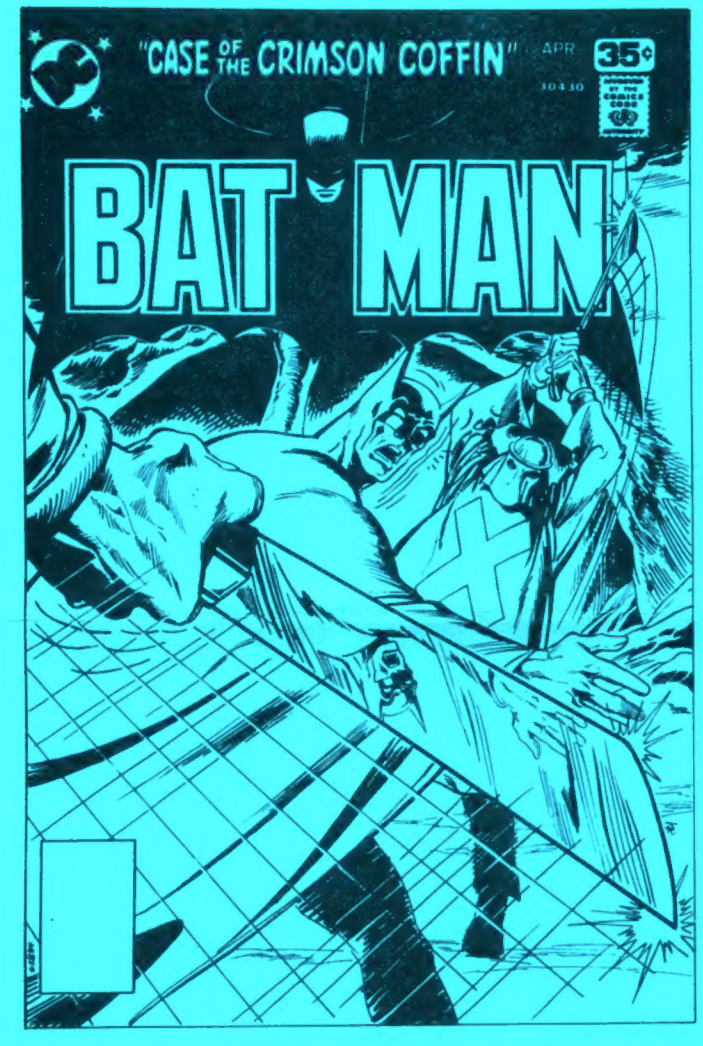
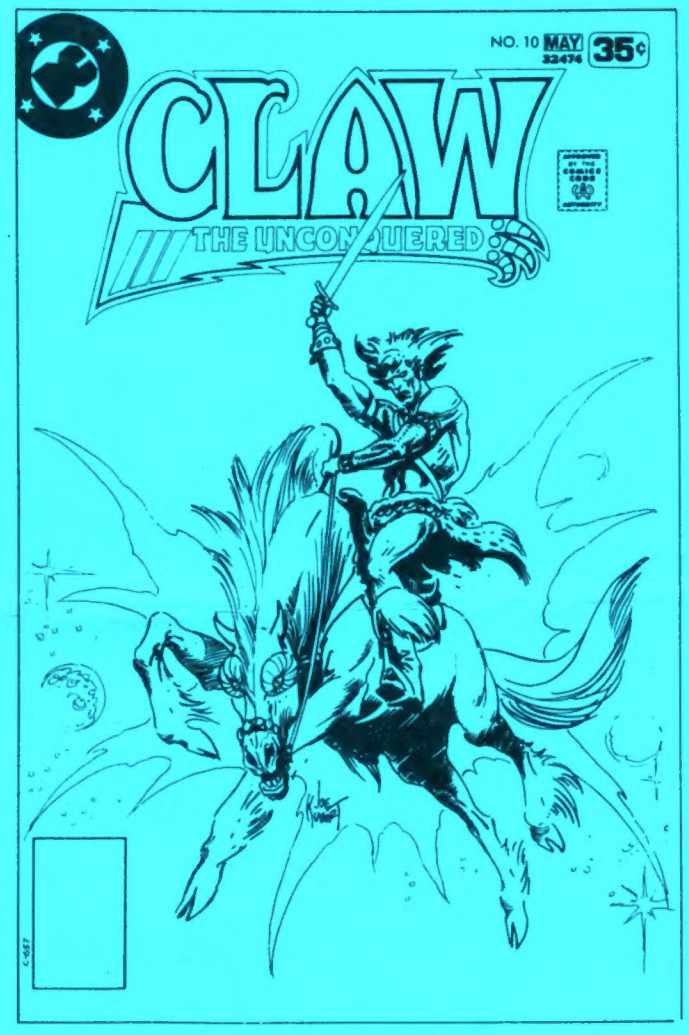




GERBER/GOLDEN/GIELLA NEW TEAM ON MISTER MIRACLE!

A dynamic new team takes over MISTER MIRACLE this month, as Steve Englehart leaves for Europe and Marshall Rogers donates full-time to DETECTIVE COMICS. Steve Gerber, best known for his work on HOWARD THE DUCK, moves in as the new scripter, and newcomer Michael Golden (see the Man-Bat feature in BATMAN FAMILY #15 for an example of his exceptional work) comes in as penciller. Inker Joe Giella rounds off the new team, turning in another slick first-class job.

MISTER MIRACLE number 23 is something of an introspective tale, as The Super Escape Artist enters the domain of Ethos -- the vast wasteland between worlds! There MIRACLE encounters Darkseid's Cosmic Comedy in a series of battles for the souls of Oberon and Big Barda. A cameo appearance by Orion of the New Gods supplies additional excitement.

Edited by Larry Hama with the cover by Marshall Rogers, MISTER MIRACLE #23 will hit the newsstands January 5th.

ALL NEW SECRET ORIGINS UNVEILED!

It's time once again for an all-new SECRET ORIGINS OF THE SUPER-HEROES special, following on the heels of last summer's DC SUPER-STARS 48-pager. This time around, the origins of The Black Canary, Lightray of the New Gods and Dr. Fate are spotlighted.

Gerry Conway and Mike Vosburg provide the life-story and origin of The Black Canary, the only character to start a career on Earth-2 and move to Earth-1. The story covers her roots in

a family with a strong law-enforcement tradition (going back to the original Bow Street Runners of the Victorian age), her initial vigilantism and costumed team-ups with Johnny Thunder, her marriage to Private Detective Larry Lance, and Lance's subsequent death.

Conway joins NEW GODS teammate Don Newton to chronicle the tale of New Genesis' youngest featured player, Lightray. This is a unique story, as gods really don't have origins; they tend to be born into greatness.

The regular ALL-STAR team of Paul Levitz and Joe Staton take on the origin tale of comics' first truly supernatural super-hero, Dr. Fate. This story is told from Inza Nelson's point-of-view, covering Kent Nelson's mystic training and his later inheritance to the position of cosmic super-hero.

The 1978 SECRET ORIGINS OF THE SUPER-HEROES special was edited by E. Nelson Bridwell and goes on sale January 31st.

Odd Items, Noteworthy News

Lest we forget, CLAW THE UNCONQUERED returns this month with the tenth issue of his magazine, written by its creator, David Michelinie, and drawn by Keith Giffen and John Celardo. Joe Kubert turned in the cover, and Paul Levitz edited...Power Girl winds up her three issue stay in SHOWCASE #99courtesy of Levitz, Joe Staton and Dick Giordano...Dan Adkins returns to the inking chores of THE NEW GODS with this month's issue, #17; Jim Starlin cover...Starlin also pencilled the 34 page SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES story (#238)...Rick Buckler moves in as regular penciller on STAR HUNTERS (#4)...

Speaking of Buckler, JONAH HEX #11 was provided by the team of Mike Fleisher, Buckler and Giordano...Mlle. Marie teams up (so to speak) with THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER in #214, a sequel to last spring's DC SUPER-STARS special. Bob Kanigher, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal provided the action... Howie Chaykin is represented in WEIRD WAR TALES #62...HOUSE OF SECRETS #151 and SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #11 each sport Mike Kaluta covers...Finally, the second issues of FIRESTORM and

STEEL THE INDESTRUCTIBLE MAN go on sale this month, with Gerry Conway / Al Milgrom and Conway / Don Heck / Joe Giella again handling their respective features.

Shipping Information

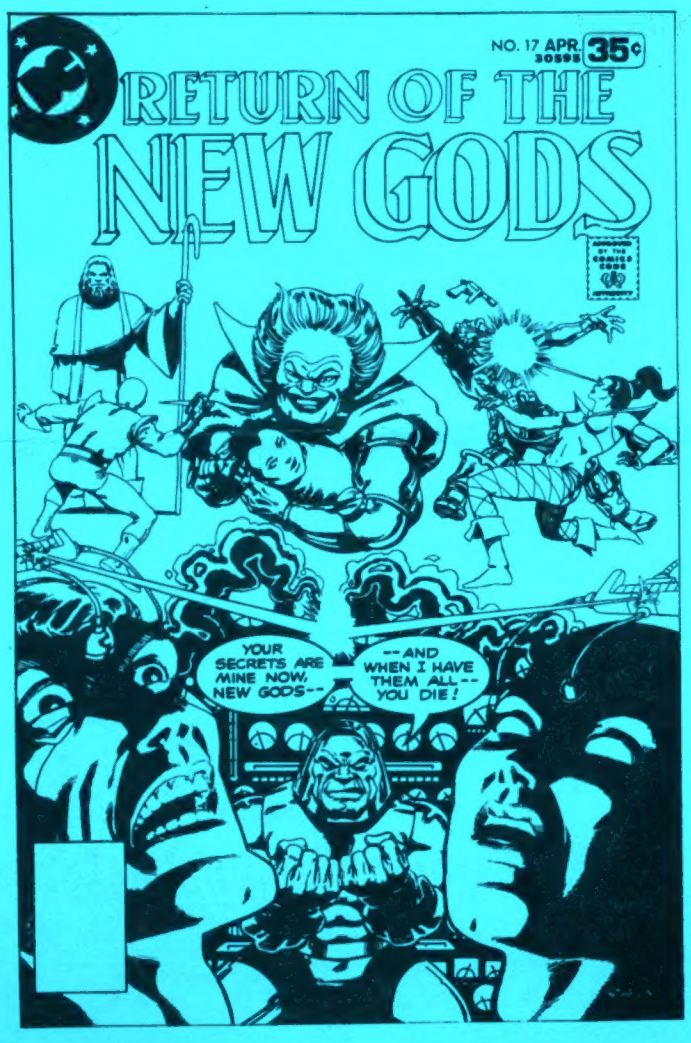
SHIPPING THE WEEK OF December 13th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 3rd:
Jonah Hex #11 / Justice League Giant #153 / Shade The Changing Man #6 / Secrets of the Haunted House #11 / Weird War Tales #62 / Batman #298 / Mister Miracle #23 / Kamandi #56

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF December 20th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 10th:
The Flash #260 / Superman #322 / Firestorm #2 / The Return of The New Gods #17 / House of Secrets #151 / Claw The Unconquered #10 / Super Friends #11

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF December 27th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 17th:
Sgt. Rock #315 / Showcase (Power Girl) #99 / Black Lightning #8 / Aquaman #61 / Ghosts #63 / Batman Family Dollar Comic #17 / G.I. Combat Dollar Comic #207

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF January 3rd FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 24th:
Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes Giant #238 / Unknown Soldier #214 / Green Lantern - Green Arrow #103 / Secret Society of Super-Villains #14 / Witching Hour #79 / Challengers of the Unknown #86 / World's Finest Comics Dollar Comic #250 / Warlord #12

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF January 10th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 31st:
Wonder Woman #242 / Action Comics #482 / Steel The Indestructible Man #2 / Star Hunters #4 / Secret Origins of the Super-Heroes Giant - 1978



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